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**From:** Bennett, James [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=85A48024939647D7981D5C93688E23F6-JBENNE05]  
**Sent:** 1/29/2018 8:48:48 PM  
**To:** schaffer, joan [schafer.joan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Updated Talking Points - Mountaire

Sounds good to me

-----Original Message-----

From: schaffer, joan  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 3:45 PM  
To: Bennett, James <bennett.james@epa.gov>; damm, thomas <Damm.Thomas@epa.gov>; rogers, rick <rogers.rick@epa.gov>  
Cc: kremer, janet <kremer.janet@epa.gov>  
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SO --

Are these statements below accurate...  
Please advise -- thanks.

Joan

1. EPA is concerned about elevated levels of nitrates in drinking wells around the Mountaire Farm that were identified in a recent notice of violation issued by the state. As a result, EPA and DNREC are working cooperatively to have Mountaire Farms supply a permanent alternate source of drinking water to residents in Millsboro, Delaware.

2. For residents who are concerned they are impacted and not yet receiving an alternate source of drinking water, they should contact the state as their first point of contact.

## Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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I assume at this point it would be DNREC. DNREC performed the original sampling round and as a result Mountaire has provided bottled water.

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Also -- if a resident thinks they are being impacted, and has not rec'd alternate drinking water source, where are they supposed to go? To Mountaire? To the State? To Us?

Thanks.

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From: damm, thomas  
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Cc: schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>; kremer, janet <kremer.janet@epa.gov>  
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Rick, Jim,  
If we had one or two lines to address the question below, what would they be?  
Thanks.  
Tom

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Kate/Tom/Janet --

I just got off the phone with Cosmo -- he would like for us to be able to address the question..."what should EPA tell the 75-80 residents/households?" Thoughts?

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Joan,  
I corrected a typo and made the Order on Consent language consistent. Please use this version. Thanks.  
Tom

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From: damm, thomas  
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 1:35 PM  
To: Joan Schafer <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
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Joan,  
Attached is an updated set of talking points for Mountaire.  
They have been reviewed by Kate and staff.  
If you have questions, please advise.  
Thanks.  
Tom

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From: McManus, Catharine  
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 4:57 PM  
To: schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>  
Cc: damm, thomas <Damm.Thomas@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Question

Joan-  
We will get something to you by mid-day Monday.

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 26, 2018, at 3:03 PM, schaffer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Kate, you shared with us two weeks ago some TPs about Mountaire. Do they need to be updated or is the  
info current?  
> I'd like to make sure Cosmo has those tps in case he gets asked a question by a reporter at the PISCES  
award event.  
> Thanks.  
> Joan  
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> Sent from my iPhone